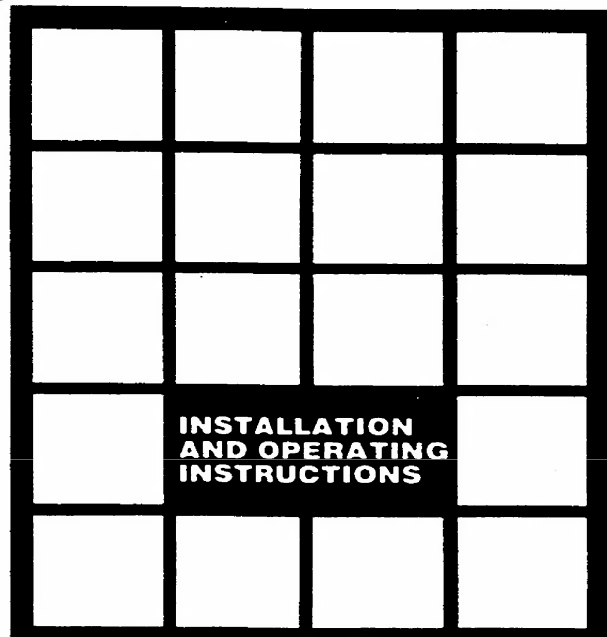


**TSC-4  
TSC-5  
TSC-7**

**RAIN CLOCK™  
DIGITAL SPRINKLER TIMER  
WITH THREE SCHEDULES  
OWNER'S MANUAL**



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# INTRODUCTION

The TSC Rain Clock Timer has some important features you should be aware of before you begin programming. Details on how to implement these features will be described in the step-by-step instructions on the following pages.

- The TSC has the capability of watering with Three Schedules. This allows watering of grass areas more often/or on different days than shrub areas. By combining the two independent schedules, a third schedule can be used to water some areas more frequently, such as potted patio plants.
- The TSC has a 14-day cycle. After completing watering on the 14th day, the clock will automatically repeat the cycle beginning with day 1.
- The TSC has a PRESET WATERING SCHEDULE which is built into the clock at the factory. If you do not wish to establish your own watering schedule, the clock will operate each station for 10 minutes each day beginning at 8 A.M. You will only need to enter the correct time and day into the clock (see page 7).
- The TSC has two features to protect your landscape in the event of a power outage.
  - The battery backup circuit prevents your watering schedule from being lost. It will maintain your watering schedule for up to 6 hours. Install a 9 volt alkaline battery and check it periodically to assure it is still active.
  - Should the battery fail to hold your watering schedule, the PRESET WATERING SCHEDULE will water each station for 10 minutes each day, starting 8 hours after power resumes (see page 18).

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# INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

## Location

This timer is designed for indoor installation. The power to the timer is supplied by a plug-in transformer with a 6-foot cord. Select a location inside a building and near a 110 volt A.C. electrical outlet. Your location should be completely protected from the weather.

Choose a wall location which allows 7½" on the lefthand side of the controller so the door can open fully.

## Mounting

The TSC cabinet is designed so the circuit panel assembly does not have to be removed from the cabinet for mounting or electrical hookup. Four mounting holes are provided on the back of the cabinet - one keyhole type at the top center of the cabinet and three along the bottom.

Install a No. 10 screw in the mounting surface at eye level. Leave the head of the screw extended approximately 1/8". Hang the timer on the screw using the keyhole slot on the back of the cabinet.

Straighten the timer to the desired position and install additional No. 10 screws in the three mounting holes along the bottom, inside the cabinet.

## Wiring

Transformer Connection - Route the transformer cord through the left wiring hole in the bottom of the timer. Refer to Figure 1 and connect the two BLUE wires to the screw terminals marked "BLU". Connect the two ORANGE wires to the terminals marked "ORN".

NOTE: It is not necessary to completely remove the screws from the terminal strip. Just loosen them enough to slip the wire under the screw head and then tighten screws securely.

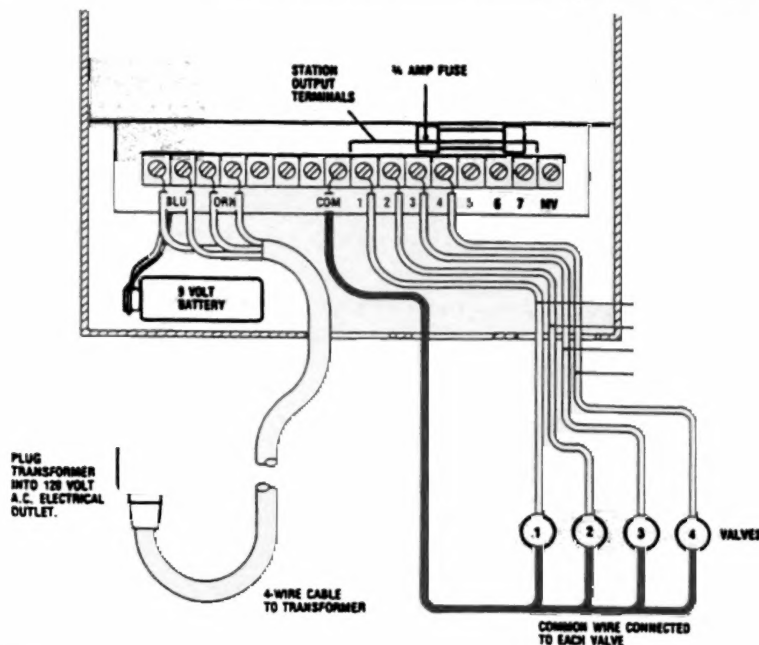
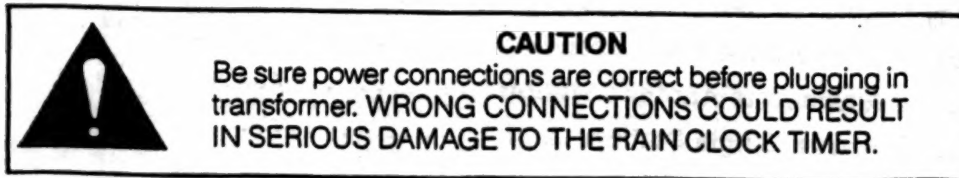



FIGURE 1

Running the Wire - Use 18 gauge "bell wire" or thermostat control cable for wiring the valves to the Rain Clock Timer. Wiring to be buried should be approved for underground use, and all splices should be sealed water tight.

Valve Wiring Procedure - Each valve is connected to the timer by two wires. The "HOT" wire is connected to one of the station output terminals (numbered 1 through 7). The "COMMON" wire connects to one wire connecting the common wires of all valves to the controller terminal marked "COM".

Refer to Figure 1.

NOTE: For model TSC-4, only station output terminals 1 through 4 may be used. For TSC-5 use only 1 through 5 and for TSC-7 only 1 through 7.



**CAUTION**  
Do not short-circuit a station terminal to the common terminal to create sparks for station identification. Serious Rain Clock Timer damage may result.


Number of Valves per station - A maximum of 1 valve may be connected to each station output terminal.

#### Pump Start/Master Valve Circuit

The TSC-5 and TSC-7 have a terminal specifically for use on pump systems or systems using a master valve. The TSC-4 does not have this feature. For pump start, the master valve circuit must be used in conjunction with a remote pump start relay (Rain Bird RPS-1).

The "HOT" wire from the master valve or pump start relay connects to the terminal marked "MV". The "COMMON" wire connects to the system common wherever it is convenient to do so. Refer to Figure 2.

When using pump start or a master valve, total current requirement of any one station valve and the master valve circuit should not exceed 640 milliamps, 24 volt AC. Exceeding the current requirement could blow the fuse.



**CAUTION**  
To prevent pump damage, all unused stations must be jumpered to a station being used. See Figure 2.

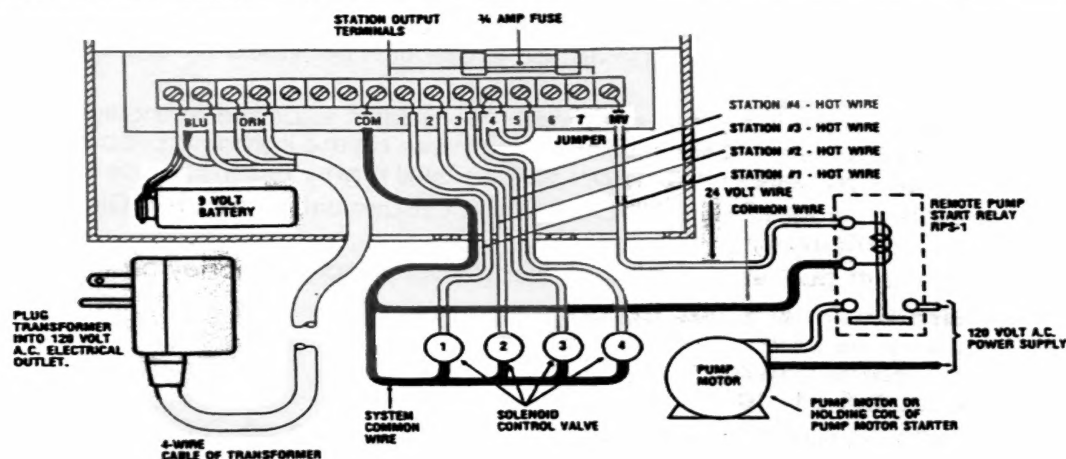
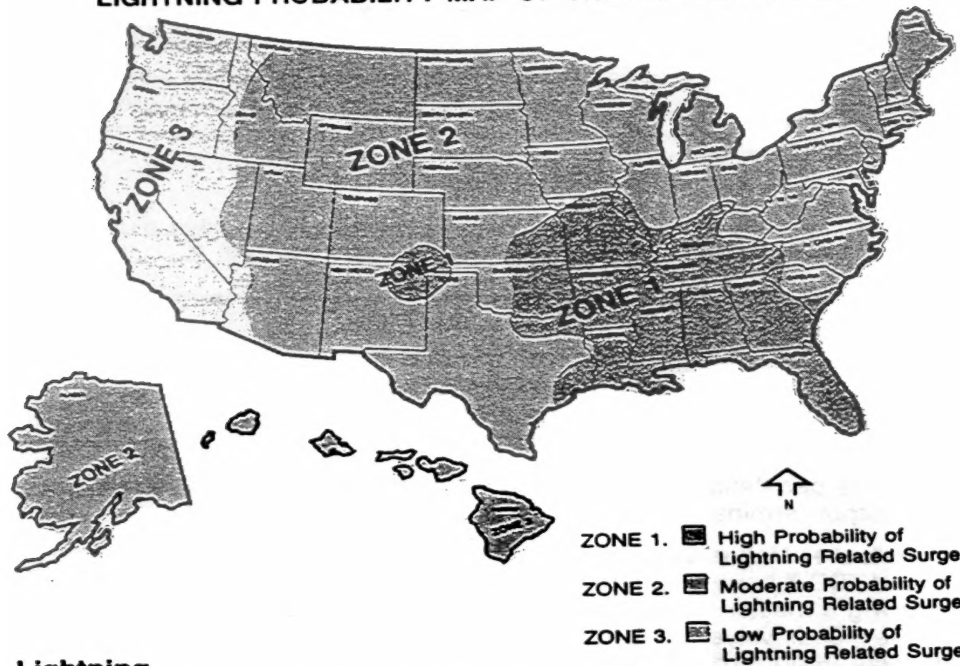


FIGURE 2

## LIGHTNING PROBABILITY MAP OF THE UNITED STATES



### Lightning

In certain parts of the country, lightning storms can generate high voltage electrical surges that travel to the timer along the field wires that are connected between the valves and the timer. Extreme surges are known to exceed the built-in protection in most timers, including the TSC Rain Clock Timer. As such, no warranty can be made against electrical surge damage.

Added protection is available with specially designed lightning protection kits for the TSC Rain Clock Timers. The kit for the TSC-4 is called LPV-CRC4. The kit for the TSC-5 and TSC-7 is called LPV-CRC8. When this kit is properly installed and connected to an 8' copper clad grounding rod buried in the ground, this added protection will increase your timer's ability to withstand lightning induced surges. Complete installation instructions are included with the lightning protection kits.

Please remember that no matter what type of protection kit you use, or how well you install and ground it, there will always be a chance that a particularly harsh lightning storm will exceed the added protection provided by the lightning protection kit.

In order to help you decide whether to incur the added expense of the lightning protection kit, please locate your installation site on the lightning probability map of the United States shown above. Rain Bird highly recommends that an installation in the HIGH PROBABILITY AREA ☐ use either the LPV-CRC4 or LPV-CRC-8 lightning kit.

If you are unable to purchase a kit locally, send your check or money order to:

**Rain Bird National Sales Corporation**  
**Repair Department**  
**633 W. Foothill Blvd.**  
**Glendora, CA 91740**

LPV-CRC4 \$20.00 plus \$2.00 postage and handling (use on TSC-4)

LPV-CRC-8 \$40.00 plus \$2.00 postage and handling (use on TSC-5 and TSC-7)

## PROGRAMMING INSTRUCTIONS

After plugging in the Rain Clock Timer, press  flashing will stop.

Determine today's day code from the chart below. (Select from Week 1)

	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
WEEK 1	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
WEEK 2	08	09	10	11	12	13	14

**TO SET CLOCK - DAY** *EXAMPLE: Today is Friday (05).*

Press  then  or  until correct code number appears in the display.



DISPLAY WILL INDICATE

05



**TO SET CLOCK HOUR** *EXAMPLE: Current Time of Day is 10:33 A.M.*

Press  then  or  until current hour appears in the display.

To change "A" (A.M.) to "P" (P.M.) or vice versa:

press  or  until the correct letter appears in the display.

DISPLAY WILL INDICATE

	
hour minutes A.M.	P.M.

**TO SET CLOCK — MINUTES**

Press  then  or  until display indicates current minutes.

DISPLAY WILL INDICATE

10 33 A

At this point, the Rain Clock Timer will operate on the factory PRESET WATERING SCHEDULE. It will operate all stations for 10 minutes each, each day of the week, beginning at 8:00 A.M.

If you wish to establish your own schedule, we recommend you write out your schedule on page 12 before you actually begin the programming on the following pages.

## Establishing Your Own Watering Schedules

Each station can be assigned to either Schedule A or Schedule B or both A and B for increased watering frequency. Following the watering schedule you wrote on page 12, enter all information for Schedule A and then repeat steps, 1, 2, and 3 for Schedule B.

### 1. To Set Days of the Week to Water

**EXAMPLE:** To water on MONDAY of the first week (Day 01)

1.1 Press  or  DISPLAY WILL INDICATE 

1.2 Press    
Schedule A Monday of Week 1 Watering will occur when "In" appears

**EXAMPLE:** To NOT water on TUESDAY of the first week (Day 02)




1.3 Press  then  DISPLAY WILL INDICATE 




Water will not occur when "In" does not appear

Repeat steps 1.2 and 1.3 for each of the remaining days in the 14-day cycle.

### 2. To Set Time of Day to Start Watering

**EXAMPLE:** You want to start watering at 5:00 A.M.

2.1 Press  or  2.2 Press 

2.3 Press  or  until display shows: 

If you wish to water more than once a day  
(for maximum of 3 times per day):



**EXAMPLE:** Second water time at 4:45 P.M.

2.4 Press  DISPLAY WILL INDICATE 

2.5 Press  or  until display shows: 

For a 3rd water time, repeat steps 2.4 and 2.5 above.

To remove a start time:

2.6 Press  or  until time blanks out at 12 midnight.




**NOTE:** If the total amount of watering time exceeds the time between starts, the start time that occurs later will be ignored. That is, if a start time occurs while a station is watering, it will not be "remembered".



### 3. To Set Watering Time For Each Station.

You may water any station from 1 to 60 minutes in 1 minute increments or 1 to 6 hours in 1 hour increments.

**EXAMPLE** To operate Station #1 for 20 minutes

3.1 Press  or  then 

3.2 Press  or  until display shows   
Schedule A   Station   Watering Time   Minutes

To change watering time units from minutes to hours or vice versa,

3.3 press  **DISPLAY WILL INDICATE**   
Schedule A   Station   Watering Time   Hours

**EXAMPLE.** Set watering time for Sta. #2 for 30 mins.

3.4 Press  **DISPLAY WILL INDICATE**   
Schedule A   Station   Watering Time   Minutes

3.5 Press  or  until display indicates 

**NOTE:** If you do not want a station to operate, set the time to zero.

**EXAMPLE:** Station #3 not to operate:

3.6 Press  **DISPLAY WILL INDICATE** 

3.7 Press  or  until display indicates 

Set watering times for remaining stations by repeating 3.4 and 3.5.

Programming is now complete. To return display to time of day, press



## USING THREE SCHEDULES

This Rain Clock Timer offers you the ultimate in flexibility for watering your yard. The A and B schedules are independent of each other. By assigning some of your stations to A and some to B, you can water on different days and start at different times.

You can also assign any station(s) to both A and B schedules to achieve a third watering schedule. The length of watering time can be different for schedule A and schedule B for the same station.

Some areas of the country will use the A schedule for their summer watering schedule and B for the winter schedule. In this case, when using the A schedule, remove all watering start times from the B schedule (see step 2.6 on page 8). When you are ready to use the B schedule, remove all watering start times from the A schedule and add start times to the B schedule as desired (see steps 2.1-2.5 on page 8).

### 1. EXAMPLE: Three Schedules for Watering Flexibility

#### Which days to water.

DAYS TO WATER		
Day	"A"	"B"
(M) 1	Yes	No
(Tu) 2	No	Yes
(W) 3	Yes	No
(Th) 4	No	No
(F) 5	Yes	No
(Sa) 6	No	Yes
(Su) 7	No	No
(M) 8	Yes	No
(Tu) 9	No	Yes
(W) 10	Yes	No
(Th) 11	No	No
(F) 12	Yes	No
(Sa) 13	No	Yes
(Su) 14	No	No

#### What time to start watering.

START TIMES	
"A"	"B"
5:30 A	8:00 A
4:00 P	

#### How long to water each station.

Sta. #	WATERING TIMES		AREA OF YARD
	"A"	"B"	
1	20 n		Lawn-sun
2	10 n		Lawn-shade
3		30 n	Shrubs
4		30 n	Flowers
5	20 n		Lawn-sun
6	2 n	4 n	Patio Pots
7		1 h	Trees

Note that there are 2 start times for schedule A and 1 start time for schedule B. Also note Station 6 is assigned to both schedules A and B for more frequent watering. The length of watering time for Station 6 on schedule B has been increased due to only 1 start time.

## 2. EXAMPLE: Two Schedules for Winter and Summer Watering

### Which days to water

DAYS TO WATER		
Day	"A"	"B"
(M) 1	Yes	No
(Tu) 2	No	Yes
(W) 3	Yes	No
(Th) 4	Yes	Yes
(F) 5	Yes	No
(Sa) 6	No	Yes
(Su) 7	No	No
(M) 8	Yes	No
(Tu) 9	No	Yes
(W) 10	Yes	No
(Th) 11	Yes	Yes
(F) 12	Yes	No
(Sa) 13	No	Yes
(Su) 14	No	No

### What time to start watering.

START TIMES	
"A"	"B"
5:30 A.M.	5:30 A.M.
4:00 P.M.	

### How long to water each station

Sta. #	STATION TIMES		AREA OF YARD
	"A"	"B"	
1	20n	10n	Lawn-sun
2	10n	5n	Lawn-shade
3	15n	10n	Shrubs
4	15n	10n	Flowers
5	20n	10n	Lawn-sun
6	2n	1n	Patio Pots
7	30n	30n	Trees

Note that schedule B is the winter schedule. Watering days are fewer and length of watering time has been reduced. As an example, we are showing two start times for the summer schedule and only one for the winter. In actual operation, however, only schedule A or schedule B would have start times entered.

## 3. EXAMPLE: One Schedule

You may also choose to use only one schedule. In that case, only

press  when establishing your own watering schedule on pages 8 and

9. All times in Schedule B are factory preset to 0.

## Writing Your Schedules

Before you begin to program the Rain Clock Timer for actual use, it is strongly suggested that you write out the program on the following form. This can then be saved for a permanent record.

### 1. Which days to water

DAYS TO WATER		
Day	"A"	"B"
(M) 1	_____	_____
(Tu) 2	_____	_____
(W) 3	_____	_____
(Th) 4	_____	_____
(F) 5	_____	_____
(Sa) 6	_____	_____
(Su) 7	_____	_____
(M) 8	_____	_____
(Tu) 9	_____	_____
(W) 10	_____	_____
(Th) 11	_____	_____
(F) 12	_____	_____
(Sa) 13	_____	_____
(Su) 14	_____	_____

Write "Yes" to water, "No" to not water

### 2. What time to start watering

START TIMES	
"A"	"B"
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Write "A" for A.M. "P" for PM

### 3. How long to water each station

Sta. #	STATION TIMES		AREA OF YARD
	"A"	"B"	
1	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____
4	_____	_____	_____
5	_____	_____	_____
6	_____	_____	_____
7	_____	_____	_____

Write "n" for minutes, "h" for hours.

# OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Whenever the Rain Clock Timer is in operation (in a cycle) the display will show the station number (for the station in operation) and the remaining time it has left to operate (time is "counting down").

While the Clock is in operation you can display—"Time of Day"—"Start Times" (for "A" or "B" schedules)—"Water Days" or "Station - and Time"—**without** interrupting the actual operation of the cycle in progress.

## 1. Display Time of Day

Time of day may be displayed at any time by pressing

either 

SET CLOCK
HOUR

 or 

SET CLOCK
MINUTE

To get back to "Station in Operation"

Press 

MONITOR WHILE ON
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Display will revert back to the schedule it had been operating before interrupted and display will indicate where it now is in the schedule.

## 2. Display Day of Week





Day of week may be displayed by pressing

SET CLOCK
DAY

To get back to "Station in Operation" Press




MONITOR WHILE ON
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### 3. Display Watering Time for Each Station

Station water times, for either "A" or "B" schedules, may be displayed by pressing  or  then . Each time you press  the next station will be displayed.

### 4. Display Time of Day to Water

(For "A" or "B" schedules)




Start times, for either "A" or "B" schedules may be displayed by pressing  or  then .


To display all three (3) start times of the schedule press  two (2) more times.

Each time pressed, the next start time will be displayed. (A "blank" display indicates **no** start time programmed.)

### 5. Display Days To Water




(For "A" or "B" schedules)

Water days, for either "A" or "B" schedules, may be displayed by pressing  or  then .

Each time you press  the next day of the 14-day cycle will be displayed.


"In" indicates a day "to operate". "Blank" indicates a day "NOT to operate".

## 6. Manually Start a Schedule


Press  or  then 

Each station will operate in sequence for its scheduled watering time



## 7. Manually Advance to Another Station


Press  the operating station will stop.


The next station in sequence will then operate for its scheduled watering time.


Each time  is pressed, the clock will advance to the next station which will operate for its scheduled watering time.

## 8. Manually Start a Single Station

Display schedule desired by pressing  or 

Display station desired to be operated by pressing 

Each time you press  the next station will be displayed.


Then press  The station selected will operate for the regular scheduled time (either schedule A or B) and then shut off. The clock will then revert to its normal automatic mode.

## 9. Manually Cancel a Schedule

When a program is in operation it may be "cancelled" by pressing




the "A" (AM) or "P" (PM) will flash in the off mode.

press  again. The clock will then revert to its normal automatic mode.

The "A" or "P" will stop flashing.

## 10. Rain Shutdown

Press  Display will revert to "time of day."

DISPLAY WILL  
INDICATE



"A" (A.M.) or "P" (P.M.) character will blink to indicate clock is in rain shutdown condition.

**NOTE!** Rain shutdown continues to keep the normal clock running and programming intact, but **all** output has been interrupted.



## IN CASE OF TROUBLE:

Sometimes when problems occur, they can easily be solved by carefully checking some seemingly apparent, but often overlooked possibilities. Please check here before you call a professional contractor or your Rain Bird dealer. It could save you time and money.

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IF YOU'RE HAVING THIS KIND OF TROUBLE:	CHECK THESE THINGS:
1. Automatic cycle does not occur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check the <math>\frac{3}{4}</math> amp fuse. (p.4)</li><li>• If last digit blinks, TSC is in Rain Shutdown mode. (p. 16)</li></ul>
2. Entire display blinks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9 volt alkaline battery needs replacing (p. 5). After new battery is installed, re-program clock (p. 8-9).</li></ul>
3. Last digit in display blinks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TSC is in the Rain Shutdown mode (p. 16)</li></ul>
4. $\frac{3}{4}$ amp fuse blows frequently	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There is a short in the wiring between the clock and the valves. Have bare wires, non-watertight connections and/or bad valve solenoids replaced.</li><li>• You may be exceeding the maximum current draw of 640 milliamps. Check the current specifications on your valve solenoids and/or your pump start relay (refer to p. 5).</li></ul>
5. Clock loses (gains) a few minutes every week or month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Intermittent power fluctuations are most likely responsible. Simply reset clock (p. 7) to correct time.</li></ul>
6. Clock coming on at wrong time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If entire display is flashing, the clock has lost power and is operating on the Preset Watering Schedule. Replace the alkaline battery and reprogram the clock.</li></ul>

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## PRESET WATERING SCHEDULE

The following Preset Watering Schedule will be in effect at the time you initially plug in your Rain Clock Timer. It will also take over anytime your own watering schedule is lost due to power outages.

DAYS TO WATER		
Day	"A"	"B"
(M) 1	Yes	—
(Tu) 2	Yes	—
(W) 3	Yes	—
(Th) 4	Yes	—
(F) 5	Yes	—
(Sa) 6	Yes	—
(Su) 7	Yes	—
(M) 8	Yes	—
(Tu) 9	Yes	—
(W) 10	Yes	—
(Th) 11	Yes	—
(F) 12	Yes	—
(Sa) 13	Yes	—
(Su) 14	Yes	—

START TIMES	
"A"	"B"
8:00 A.M.*	—
—	—
—	—

\*If clock is set to correct time of day. Otherwise schedule will start 8 hours after power is applied.

STATION TIMES		
Sta. #	"A"	"B"
1	10 mins.	0
2	10 mins.	0
3	10 mins.	0
4	10 mins.	0
5	10 mins.	0
6	10 mins.	0
7	10 mins.	0

### Battery Backup

Install a 9 volt alkaline battery (not included) to the snap connector in the lower left corner of the cabinet. In the event of a power failure, the battery will maintain the watering schedule in memory for up to 6 hours. It will not operate the clock or keep the correct time of day. When power resumes, the clock will resume operating where it left off.

### Watering Tips

During hot weather, most lawns require 1/2" of water every other day. For clay soil, daily watering of 1/4" is preferred to reduce puddling and runoff. As weather and soil conditions can vary, ask your local nurseryman for a recommended schedule.

Place a flat-bottom pan on the lawn to measure the time your sprinkler system needs to apply the proper amount of water.

Early morning is the best time of day for watering as evaporation and wind drift are minimal and water pressure is highest.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** Your new TSC Digital Sprinkler Timer uses state-of-the-art technology and incorporates many outstanding features in its design. We are confident that you will find it easy to use, and that you will enjoy many years of reliable, trouble-free operation.

This instruction manual is important to you. Please read it for information on how to safely install and operate this clock for best performance.

**AND THANK YOU** for expressing your confidence in Rain Bird Sprinkler Mfg. Corp. through the purchase of this TSC timer. As the world's leading manufacturer of irrigation systems and components, we strive to deliver the finest quality products designed to water efficiently, to conserve water and to meet your most demanding watering needs.



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